

Design and project of a Surface Impedance
Characterization system (SIC) for thin film of
advanced superconductors



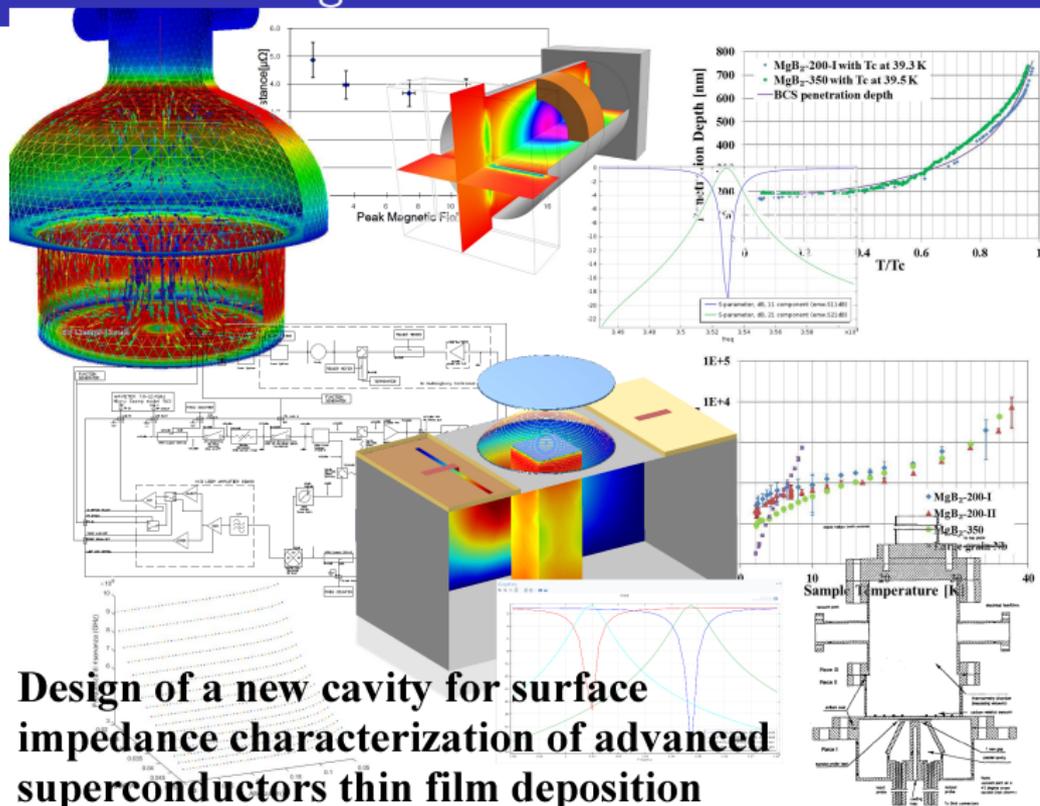
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What are we doing here in Fermilab?



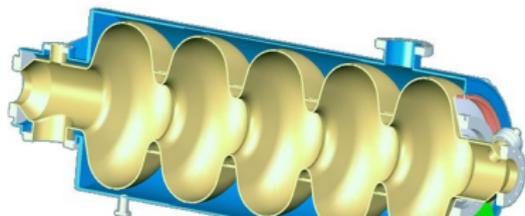
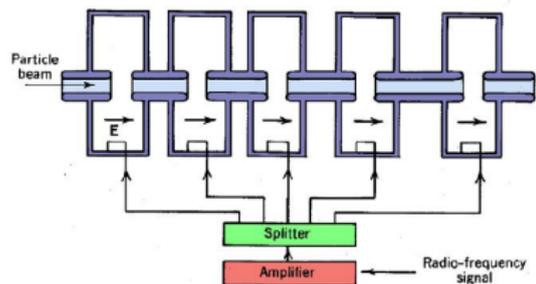
Design of a new cavity for surface impedance characterization of advanced superconductors thin film deposition



SRF Cavity: what is it?

For resonant cavity we intend a close space region, limited by perfect conducting walls and filled with a certain linear, homogeneous isotropic and non dispersive medium.

- Store huge amount of electromagnetic energy
- High efficiency in energy transmission
- High quality factor $Q = \frac{\text{Energy stored}}{\text{Energy dissipated}}$
- The energy dissipation depend on the surface impedance (AC current)
Geometry factor $G = R_s * Q$, doesn't depend on R_s

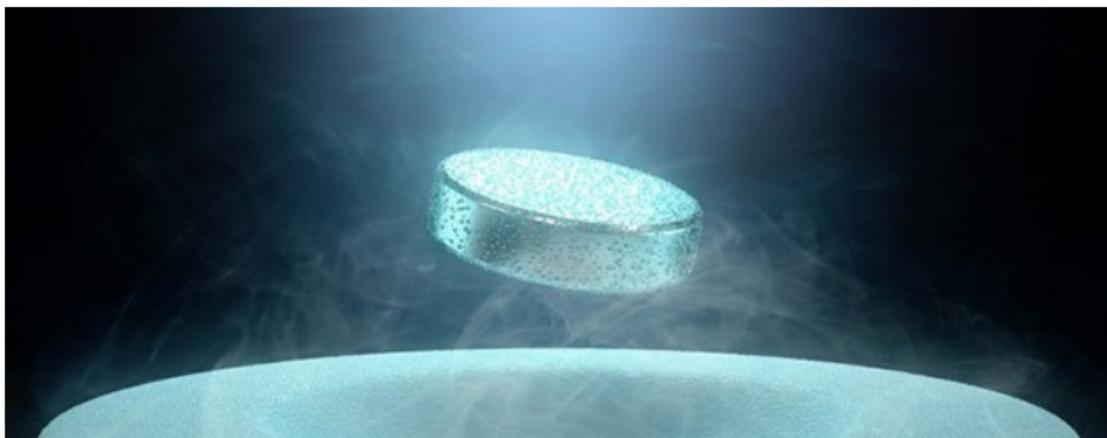


Why do we need to investigate on those phenomena?

- Development of SRF technology
- Material characterization of advanced SC
- Quantum structural matter properties of SC

SIC with Round disk sample:

- > Easy to build
- > Easy to characterize



How does a SIC work?

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- 1 Quality Factor
- 2 Power dissipation on Sample

RF Measurements

- With RF techniques we measure $Q_i = \frac{\omega U}{P_{tot}^i}$ of the system
- $Q_{TOT} = (\sum \frac{1}{Q_i})^{-1} \Rightarrow All$
- Q_1 Nb sample $\neq Q_2$ SC sample
- Measuring $Q_{1,2}$ of the whole system you can show that

$$R_s = \frac{G}{\eta} \left(\frac{1}{Q_2} - \frac{1}{Q_1} \right) + \frac{G}{Q_1}$$



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Calorimetric Technique

- A thermal circuit takes the heat lost on the sample by RF
- Along this circuit you measure the heat with thermal sensors
- Under the sample there is a Heater
- Meanwhile the RF is ON you insert heat with the heater for reach a steady T
- Repeat the measure disabling the RF.
Inserting heat on circuit and reaching the same T will give information on Q and so R_s



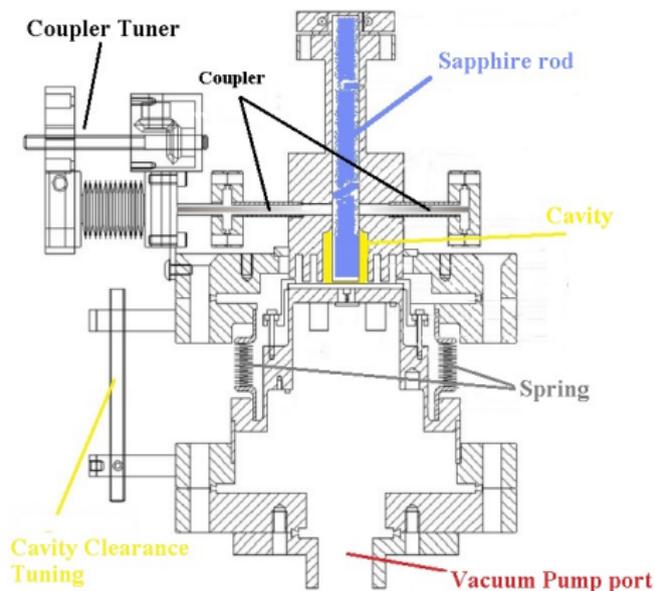
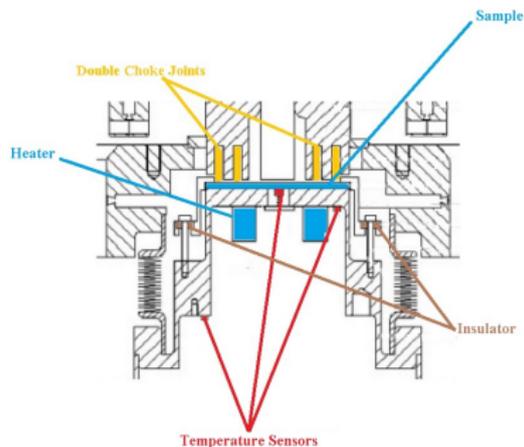
Goal of the *Summer Internship*



- Simulate the apparatus found in literature with COMSOL[©]
- Study of a new improved design for host cavities
- Make simulations with COMSOL[©] of the new cavity

"Standing on the shoulder of giants" Bernard of Chartres, XII A.C.

- Surface Impedance of Superconducting Radio Frequency (SRF) Materials, Bingping Xiao
- RF surface impedance characterization of potential new materials for SRF-based accelerators, B. P. Xiao
- Commissioning of the SRF surface impedance characterization system at JLAB, B. P. Xiao
- A Sapphire Loaded TE₀₁₁ Cavity for Surface Impedance Measurements—Design, Construction, and Commissioning Status, L. Phillips



Cavity improvement and goals

Specs

- Decrease the eigenfrequency
- Increase $Ratio = \frac{B_{pk,sample}}{B_{pk,cavity}}$ ($R > 1$ is better)

Cost of apparatus

- Design that allows to machine easily the Nb
- The Sapphire cost! Moreover, it reduces the performance of the cavity

Measurements

- Improve the RF measurements
- Improve the calorimetric technique
- Try to implement new techniques



Radio Frequency Simulation

Two candidate designs for the host cavity

Pillbox Cavity

- ▶ Xiao's and our cavity:
 - Analytic model, Eigenfrequency;
 - Coupling power sensitivity;
 - Sapphire Losses;
 - Fine simulation with optimized parameters;

3.9 GHz based design

- ▶ Our cavity:
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 - Coupling power;
 - Sapphire Losses
 - Fine simulation with optimized parameters;



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Maxwell's equations in cylindrical coordinates for a simple pillbox cavity with appropriate boundary/continuity conditions have been solved:

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z(z) = Z_0 \sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{L}z\right) \\ \Phi(\phi) = \Phi_0 \cos(m\phi) \\ R(\rho) = \begin{cases} A_0 J_m(k_A \rho) & \text{if } 0 \leq \rho < R_{sapph} \\ A_1 J_m(k_B \rho) + A_2 Y_m(k_B \rho) & \text{if } R_{sapph} \leq \rho \leq R_{cav} \end{cases} \end{array} \right.$$

- p, l, m integer for TE_{plm}
- $J_m(x), Y_m(x)$ first and second order Bessel's equation
- k_A, k_B wave number in Sapphire and vacuum

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$$k_B = \sqrt{\left(\frac{k_A^2}{\epsilon_r}\right) + \left(\frac{p\pi}{L}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_r} - 1\right)}$$

k_A Follows from continuity of solutions and their derivatives

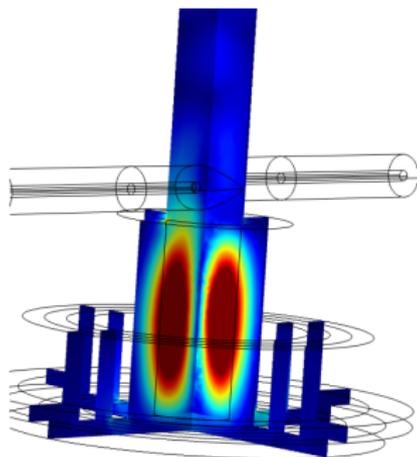
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$$f_{plm} = \frac{c}{2\pi\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \sqrt{\left(k_A(\chi'(l, m))\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{L}\right)^2}$$

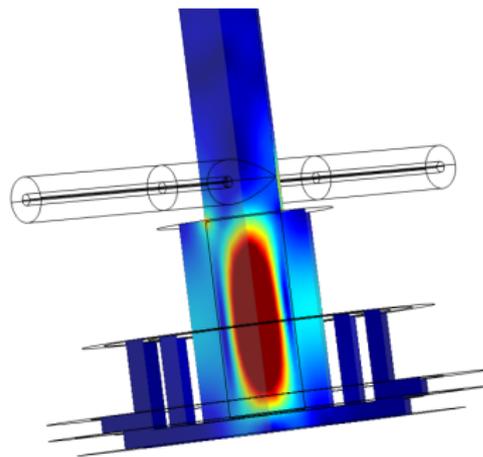
Where $\chi(l, m)'$ are the first roots of the derivative of the Bessel function J_m



Simulations and results with COMSOL[®]: Xiao's Pillbox



Coupled E field



Coupled B field

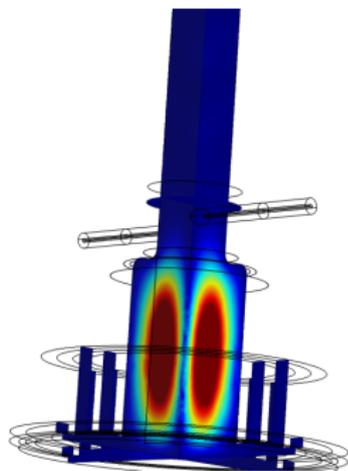
<i>CavityDiameter</i>	20 mm
<i>CavityLength</i>	22 mm
<i>SapphireDiameter</i>	12 mm
<i>SapphireLength</i>	169 mm

$$Ratio \approx 0.31$$

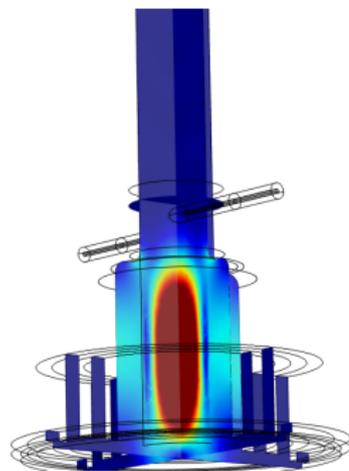
$$f \approx 7.4289 \text{ GHz}$$



Simulations and results with COMSOL[®]: Our Pillbox



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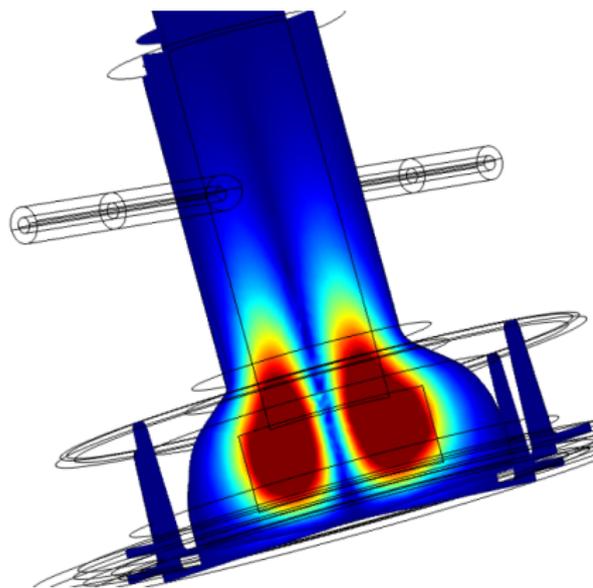
Coupled B field

<i>CavityDiameter</i>	50 mm
<i>CavityLength</i>	60 mm
<i>SapphireDiameter</i>	30 mm
<i>SapphireLength</i>	180 mm

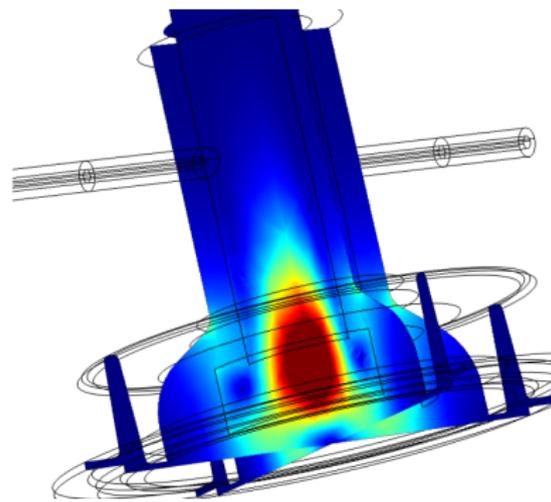
Ratio ≈ 0.55 (EM fields in sapphire)

f ≈ 2.95 GHz



Simulations and results with COMSOL[®]: 3.9 GHz Based Cavity

Coupled E field



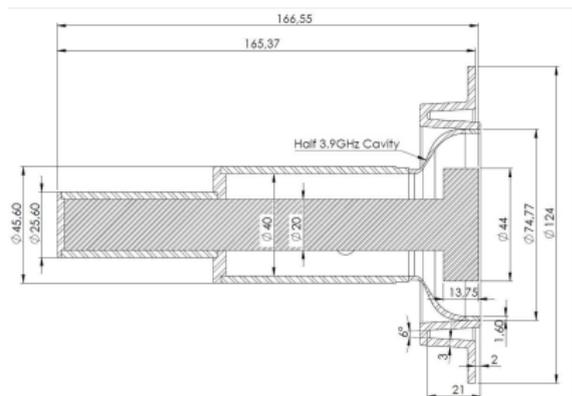
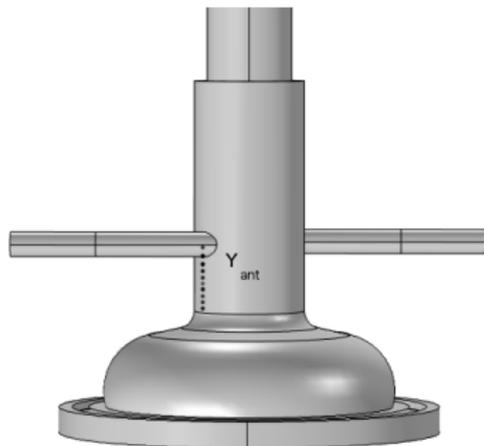
Coupled B field

 $Ratio \approx 1.23$ $f \approx 3.1375 \text{ GHz}$ 

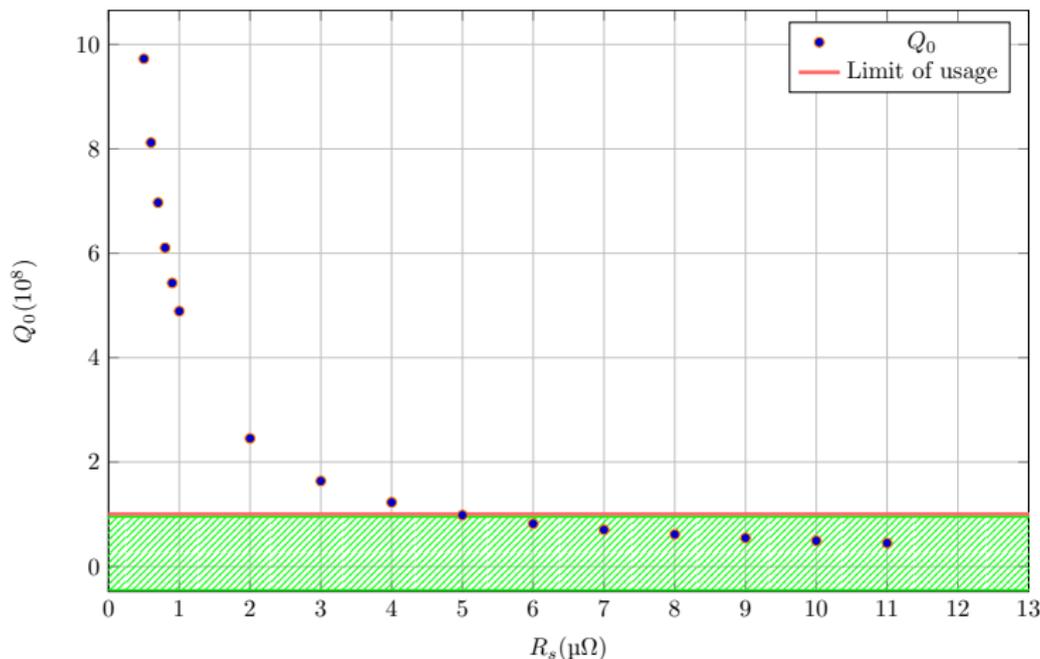
Sapphire and cavity Geometry of 3.9 GHz based cavity

3.9 – *Cut* Geometry

Inner Iris Diameter	40 mm
Outer Iris Length	74.77 mm
Little Sapphire Diameter	20 mm
Little Sapphire Length	166.55 mm
Big Sapphire Diameter	44 mm
Big Sapphire Length	13.75 mm



Sapphire Losses and quality factors of



We have a big limitation due to the quality factor of the sapphire!

f [GHz]	$Q_{Ti, Clamp}$	$Q_{Sapphire}$	Q_{SSteel}	Q_{gap}
3.1375	$1.37 \cdot 10^{12}$	$4.80 \cdot 10^8$	$4.45 \cdot 10^{12}$	$2.32 \cdot 10^{11}$



Final Comparison

Pillbox Cavity

- Low $f \approx 2.9586$ GHz ✓
- $Ratio < 1$ ✗
- Total-know geometry ✗
- High cost for Nb bulk ✗
- High cost of machinery ✗
- High Cost sapphire ✗
- Sapphire limitate accuracy ✗

Cuttetd 3.9 GHz

- Low $f \approx 3.1357$ GHz ✓
- $Ratio > 1$ ✓
- Well-know geometry ✓
- EB welding required ✗
- Nb parts difficult to build ✗
- High Cost sapphire ✗
- Sapphire limiting accuracy ✗



Next steps...

To do list..

- Verification of RF model
- Study of *Multipacting*
- Possible improvement of measurement techniques
- Possible design without sapphire

